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## "Dialogue for Understanding"

### Jewish Community to Meet With Gay and Lesbian Jews

**A**N EVENT UNPRECEDENTED in any Jewish community will occur on Monday, February 7, when leaders of mainstream Jewish organizations come together with members of Congregations Sha'ar Zahav and Ahavat Shalom for the first meeting of a community-wide committee on gay and lesbian concerns.

As the beginning of an ongoing communication link with these diverse segments of the Jewish community, the committee on gay and lesbian concerns has received commitments of participation from Jewish Family and Children's Service, Jewish Community Center, Bureau of Jewish Education, Jewish Home for the Aged, Hebrew Free Loan Association, Jewish Vocational and Career Counseling Service, and Jewish Community Federation.

Among the objectives of this committee, as stated in the original proposal written by Va'ad member Aaron Cooper, are:

- Providing a structure to address issues of mutual concern to the major Jewish community organizations, and organizations with primary outreach to the Jewish gay and lesbian population.
- Increasing mutual understanding and sensitivity between major Jewish organizations and organizations serving primarily the Jewish gay and lesbian population.
- Promoting increased participation in the organized Jewish community by the Jewish gay and lesbian population.
- Addressing programmatic and planning issues within the Jewish community as they concern gay and lesbian Jews.

The impetus for this inter-organizational committee came out of October's conference, "Dialogue for Understanding: Gay and Lesbian Jews and the Jewish Service Community," sponsored by Sha'ar Zahav, Jewish Family and Children's Services, and the Bureau of Jewish Education. "Dialogue for Understanding" was the first consciousness-raising program for a non-gay Jewish audience developed and supported by mainstream Jewish organizations.

The Northern California Board of Rabbis and the Jewish Community Relations Council complete the list of major organizations which have been asked to participate in this

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## President's Column

### The Duality Of Purim

**I**HAVE BEEN READING a fascinating book by Arthur Waskow, *Seasons of Our Joy—A Celebration of Modern Jewish Renewal*. Billing itself as "a new age guide to the Jewish holidays," the book incorporates interesting scholarship with contemporary perspective. I am finding particularly relevant some of the author's thoughts on Purim, the next holiday on our ritual calendar (which we will mark with a wonderful celebration "Megillah Madness" Friday, February 25 at 8:15 p.m. at the JCC).

In his book, Mr. Waskow examines the duality (the "upside" and the "downside") of Purim:

"The tyrant winter is not quite overthrown, but he is smelling musty. Into this moment comes Purim, the Festival of Lotteries, the hilarious noisemaker among all the holy days, the day of merriment and buffoonery, parody and satire, the loony day of full moon in the pre-spring month of Adar. But the laughter of Purim is not a gentle laughter: it is a kind of angry, blood-red humor that celebrates the tyrant's overthrow.

"For of course Purim recalls the tyrant Haman who would have murdered all the Jews; remembers that he cast lots with our lives; remembers that his own stupidity and greed would not have been enough to save us without the courage and tenacity of Mordechai and Esther. So even as a festival of merriment, Purim has its bloodier, darker underside of fear and fury."

Of course, this is not to say that our February 25th celebration is misplaced or inappropriate; it is not to say that Purim is not primarily a holiday of fun and triumph—because it is such a holiday. If we examine the subtle shadings of Purim, it can leave us with a sense of triumph and joy resulting from a near-tragedy. And it is from this standpoint that I see parallels in our lives as gay men and lesbians.

For we are living in a time which presents opportunities for triumph ("upside") from situations of adversity ("downside"). In one such situation, we are faced with the necessity of protesting the inaccurate and offensive discussion of homosexuality in the new Torah and Commentary published by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, of which Sha'ar Zahav is a member. This book, hailed as a

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landmark event in Jewish religious publications, contains the following statement (p. 882):

"Most perplexing, shocking and pathetic are the occasional cases of married men with children who are arrested for molesting little boys."

This sentence perpetuates the myth of the homosexual as child molester, when, in fact, child molestation is found with proportional less frequency among homosexuals than heterosexuals. This is just an example of the sort of "scientific" theories of and overt homophobia found in this section of the publication. I need not detail more. And yet, out of this "downside" comes encouraging events: At the South-eastern Regional UAHC Biennial in November, the Miami UAHC member congregation with outreach to lesbians and gays, Etz Chaim, brought to the plenary session a resolution calling for a critical review of this particular commentary.

While the conferees present tabled the resolution pending the opportunity for more people to read the commentary, a committee was formed which included, among others, Rabbi Littman, the Regional Director and the UAHC Educational Specialist. This committee shall discuss and revise that section where it is offensive and inaccurate. Obviously, an important step.

And another "upside" to come out of this misguided and ill-conceived commentary: Sha'ar Zahav shall address this issue, and others, at the UAHC Northern California Council Biennial. We are holding a 2½-hour session for discussion with other Biennial participants. I will share with you next month my impressions of the event. We shall see whether this opportunity becomes, in the best tradition of Purim-like duality, a small triumph resulting from what appeared to be adversity.

I look forward to seeing you and your invited guests at "Megillah Madness" on the 25th.

From strength to strength

—Cheryl

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## Va'ad Report

**A**N ENCOURAGING REPORT by Treasurer Allan G. was featured at January's Va'ad meeting. Allan reported that the Congregation's revenues during the month of December exceed expenses by approximately \$4,000. This was the result primarily of the successful Hanukkah Art Raffle, which netted \$1,700 and T-shirt sales of \$300.

Committee Coordinator Leile Raim announced that Don Albert has agreed to chair this year's Elections Committee, which is responsible for seeking candidates for and organizing the May Congregational election of officers and Va'ad members.

Picking up the reins of the Ways and Means Committee will be newly-designated co-chairs Paul Cohen and David Stein.

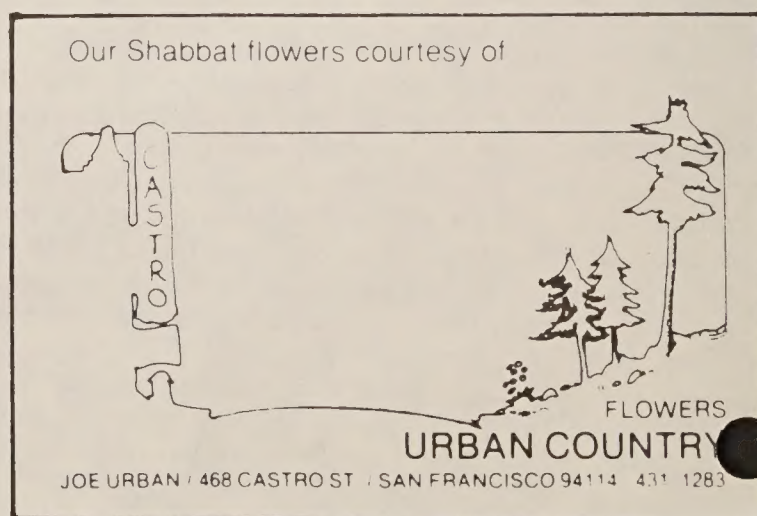
Aaron Cooper reported that the recently-formed Jewish Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Rights (to which he is interim delegate) met on December 27 with the Board of Rabbis to seek clarification on the rabbis' statement urging Mayor Dianne Feinstein to veto the domestic partners legislation. The Coalition subsequently drafted an "open letter" for printing in the *Jewish Bulletin*, calling attention to the issue and voicing dissatisfaction with the Board of Rabbis' position.

The Va'ad approved the Congregation's taking the initiative in establishing a standing committee on gay and lesbian concerns with participation by major Bay Area Jewish organizations. (See separate article)

Glenn Friedman requested and was given time on agenda. He read from a letter he had recently sent to the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. A heated discussion then ensued, as most members of the Va'ad felt the letter was offensive, divisive and was defamatory concerning the leadership of the Congregation. A vote of no-confidence in Glenn's ability to function as a Va'ad member followed. Shortly after the vote, Glenn resigned from the Va'ad.

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Va'ad meetings are held the second Monday of each month at New College, 777 Valencia at 6 p.m. This month's meeting will be on February 14.





## The Forward Interviews . . . . . . Roger Gross

**R**OGER GROSS, a member of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, is about to commence his second term as President of the Golden Gate Business Association. The interviewer is Bruce Katz.

**Forward:** Roger, how did you get involved in GGBA?

**Roger Gross:** My family's tradition has always been active community involvement. I became active in GGBA because my daily life is based upon my identity as a businessperson and GGBA was productive for me both in terms of exposure as well as being involved in the business community.

*What has been your role as President?*

I've been involved in building community, especially between the men's and women's communities, by bringing them together under the umbrella of GGBA, but also within the business and professional communities by bringing together various organizations for the first time. A good example would be our annual holiday party. The first year we co-sponsored it with Bay Area Career Women and this year we expanded it to include the Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights and a lawyers' group.

*What are your goals for GGBA?*

One is to establish a standard of business practices. Too often openly gay businesses have been seen as only trading on their gayness. I want to overcome that by establishing standards for business conduct in which people can have confidence, and if there is dissatisfaction, the organization can serve as a mechanism to resolve it.

Another critical issue is that people see businesses as taking from the community and not putting back into it in kind. We have a number of programs that do that, in particular the GGBA Foundation, which I was instrumental in founding before I became President.

*What is the role of GGBA politically?*

Our role is an economic one primarily. We're an organized block, and to the extent that money is power, people recognize our power as a business entity. Also, because we have the resources we do we can assist those organizations doing good in the community that don't have the assets we do. A prime example of this is the Gay Freedom Day Parade. Each year GGBA provides them with the seed money (on an interest-free basis) necessary to get the event going.

*What is the future of GGBA?*

Continuing to establish our history as upfront gay and lesbian people in terms of who we are and how we are. While establishing our history we're establishing our traditions. That's important because it will give people a thread of continuity as time goes on and a means by which they can gauge where they are today.

I think it's significant that GGBA provides an image to people who are coming out as to what is possible in terms of leading a positive lifestyle. In that area we'll continue to work hard for visibility.

*You must be very gratified by your role in all this.*

I'm real busy. And being busy in something that's positive and productive is gratifying.

## "Megillah Madness" On February 25

**O**N FRIDAY NIGHT, FEBRUARY 25, Congregation Sha'ar Zahav will celebrate the festival of Purim as never before. At 8:15 p.m. members and friends will begin a wonderful evening at the Jewish Community Center.

Following a very special Shabbat service conducted by Daniel Chesir and Mike Rankin and featuring the melodic voices of the Havurah Chorus, a special Purim carnival has been planned, including game booths, food, prizes, beer, wine and, of course, lots of fun. In addition, several contest judgments have been planned for your participation and enjoyment.

In keeping with the tradition of Purim, all those attending are encouraged to select and/or design a unique costume to wear. This is the one night of the year that our heritage encourages us to dress up and carry on. The challenge is yours. Costumes will be judged on the basis of originality, beauty, creativity, historical authenticity and just plain fun.

We all have special childhood memories of Purims past. The reading of the Megillah was always a very special event. And this year will be no exception. The age-old Purim story will be recreated in a rather unique manner. The 1983 Sha'ar Zahav edition of the Megillah Esther will be an experience to remember.

And what Purim celebration would be complete without Hamentaschen? For those of you who wish to demonstrate your culinary cleverness, a Hamentaschen bakeoff is also scheduled. This is your chance to cook up a storm, fill your kitchens with wonderful aromas, show off your stuff and maybe even win a prize. Entries will be judged on the bases of taste, appearance and creativity.

Be sure to mark Friday, February 25 in your datebooks. And be sure to tell your friends as this will be an evening of fun and festivity that you will definitely want to share.

It will also be an opportunity to contribute to our "Phooey on AIDS" Fund, as a portion of the proceeds will go to benefit the fund. So get out the needle and thread and the old recipe books. The "Megillah Madness" is ready to begin.

—Allan Berenstein

## Parking Warning

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## Family Seders

**I**N ADDITION TO the Congregational Seder, small family-style seders are being organized in the homes of members and friends. These Family Seders will be held the first night of Pesach, Monday, March 28.

For those whose families may not be in the Bay Area, this will be an opportunity to celebrate Pesach with members of Sha'ar Zahav's extended family. Seder groups of from four to 10 people are planned. All those attending a seder are expected to share in various aspects of the seder preparation and costs, and are encouraged to fully participate in the seder celebration.

If you would like to go to or host a Family Seder, please fill out and mail the following form. This form *must* be received no later than Monday, March 7, to allow time for seder group coordination and food planning. The main responsibility of the seder host will be to provide a home in which to have the seder—the guests share in the food preparation responsibilities.

### SHA'AR ZAHAV FAMILY SEDER FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

If you wish to attend with another person, write the name here and send both forms together:

#### Participation:

Check *all* items you would consider doing. Seder groups will be arranged so that all will share in the preparation:

- ☐ Provide a home in which to have a seder  
Number you can accommodate (include yourself) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Cook seder dinner (food and all costs to be shared by all participants).
- ☐ Provide part of seder dinner or wine
- ☐ Provide ritual items and food (Maror, haroset, horseradish, seder plate, matzoh cover, small gift for Afikoman finder, etc. Please underline items).
- ☐ Lead service.
- ☐ Call others in your seder group and be responsible for coordinating the seder preparation
- ☐ Traditional service
- ☐ Short, informal service

**Other considerations:** Kosher or vegetarian meal required, allergies to smoke or pets, have pets in your home (please underline items)

Compatible seder groups will be arranged, to the extent possible, based on the responses to this form.

**MAIL TO: Family Seder Groups**  
**Congregation Sha'ar Zahav**  
**PO Box 5640**  
**San Francisco, CA 94101**

## Congregational Seder Tuesday, March 29

**S**HA'AR ZAHAV'S Congregational Seder will be held on the second night of Pesach, Tuesday, March 29. It begins at 6 p.m. at the Golden Gateway Holiday Inn at Van Ness and Pine, the site of last year's seder enjoyed by more than 200 members and friends. Meals prepared under rabbinical supervision will be available from the Kosher Nutrition Project.

Be sure to make your reservations early; the deadline for ticket sales is March 22, 1983. Ticket prices are \$22 for members, \$26 for non-members, and \$16 for children. To reserve your seat, complete and return the form below. Some financial subsidies are available. Contact Paul Cohen, 929-9524 for more information.

The seder is an ideal way to introduce family and friends to our congregation—bring along some guests or potential new members!

### CONGREGATIONAL SEDER RESERVATION FORM

Please reserve places for

\_\_\_\_\_ members

\_\_\_\_\_ non-members

\_\_\_\_\_ children

as follows (indicate number of each):

\_\_\_\_\_ Kosher Nutrition Project Meals

\_\_\_\_\_ Kosher-style meals

\_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian meals

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☐ Please charge my ☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Hold paid confirmation of reservations in my name:

Tickets will be given out at the door.

## Update on Ethiopian Jews

For the first time, the issue of the Ethiopian Jews has been openly debated in the Knesset. Led by MK Geula Cohen, the debate centered around the status of the Jews in Ethiopia itself, rather than the situation of those in the refugee camps in the Sudan.

Government official Ben Porat reported to the Knesset that the Government of Ethiopia had invited Israel to send a delegation to discuss the matter. This in itself is a remarkable event, because Israel and Ethiopia have not had diplomatic relations since the Haile Selassie government was overthrown in 1975.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		יה 1	יט 2	כ 3	כא 4	כב 5
ג 6	ד 7 Ritual Committee	ה 8	ו 9	ז 10 Newsletter Deadline	ח 11 Women's Havurah Shabbat Dinner	ט 12
ז 13 Rosh Hodesh—1st day	ח 14 Rosh Hodesh—2nd day Va'ad Meeting	ט 15	י 16 Building Committee	יא 17	יב 18	יג 19
יז 20	יח 21 Finance Committee	יט 22	כ 23	כא 24 Fast of Esther Erev Megillah Madness	כב 25 MEGILLAH MADNESS	כג 26
יח 27 Purim	יט 28 Shushan Purim	Services are held each Friday night at 8:15 at the Jewish Community Center, 3200 California (at Presidio) in San Francisco.				

## Ritual Calendar

- Friday,  
February 4  
Torah: Yitrot. Ex. 18:1-20:23  
Haftorah: Isaiah 6:1-7:6, 9:5.  
Jon Funk & Eric Keitel, services,  
Garry Koenigsberg & Daniel Chesir,  
Torah Service
- Friday,  
February 11  
Torah: Mishpatim. Ex. 21:1-24:18  
Special Torah Reading Ex. 30:11-16  
Special Haftorah Reading II Kings 12:1-17  
Women's Havurah Shabbat Service,  
Ellyn, Talia & Leslie, services
- Friday,  
February 18  
Torah: Terumah. Ex. 25:1-27:19  
Haftorah I Kings 5:25-6:13  
Steve Elman, services
- Friday,  
February 25  
Torah: Tetzavveh Ex. 27:20-30:10  
Special Torah Reading: Deut. 25:17-19  
Special Haftorah reading: I Samuel  
15:2-24  
Special Purim Celebration:  
"Megillah Madness"

## Women's Havurah Dinner

All women are invited to attend the special Shabbat women's bring-a-friend-dinner to be held on Friday, February 11, at 6 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center. The meal of gefilte fish, chicken, vegetables and dessert will be prepared by the Kosher Nutrition Project. Vegetarian meals are also available. The price is \$5.

The dinner will be followed by services led by women, including Torah and Haftorah readings.

If you are interested in attending the dinner, fill out the coupon below and mail no later than Monday, February 7.

**MAIL TO: Congregation Sha'ar Zahav**  
PO Box 5640  
San Francisco, CA 94101

I/We will attend the February 11 Shabbat Dinner. Enclosed is \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$5 per person) for my dinner reservation.

- ☐ Chicken  
☐ Vegetarian

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_



## Treasurer's Report

**A**N EXAMINATION OF the Statement of Revenues and Expenses shows that we can be quite pleased at the financial condition of the Congregation at the end of six months of this fiscal year. We now have total assets in excess of \$13,000, although about \$4,000 is committed to restricted funds. We can be very proud of the demonstration of financial support that our members and friends have made so far this year. We have raised over \$2,000 from various fundraising events, such as the very successful Hanukah Art Raffle; the AIDS fund has over \$2,000 so far, and the Push-A-Key campaign has enabled us to purchase a fine new typewriter. In addition, weekly "pushke pitches" have essentially paid for our Friday night rent.

Most gratifying is the almost \$21,000 in membership dues that we have collected (only \$4,000 less than we had predicted when the budget was made last April). Of course, we will continue to have hefty financial obligations for the remainder of the year, and will rely on your continuing generosity and support to enable all of us to enjoy the benefits Sha'ar Zahav provides. If you're not currently a member and have been thinking of joining, we'd love to have you be part of our family. My personal thanks to all of you for a great first six months.

—Allan Gold

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Revenues (Fiscal Year to date)		Expenses (Fiscal Year to date)	
Collections	\$1,881.51	<b>Committees</b>	
Contributions	7,397.50*	Ritual	\$3,506.49
Dues	20,685.70	Oneg	795.16
Fundraising (net)	2,376.41	Social Action	0.00
Program (net)	62.73	Newsletter	
Interest	359.93	Postage	461.46
Miscellaneous (net)	23.81	Supplies	667.77
Newsletter Advertising	493.80	Printing	1,689.01
		Education	4.64
		Membership	183.47
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$33,281.39</b>	Bikur Cholim	58.91
		Long Range Planning	0.00
		Women's Havurah	161.31
*Unrestricted:	3,876.31		
Funds:	3,821.19		
		<b>Operating Expenses</b>	
		Rent	2,350.00
		Memberships	1,515.19
		Advertising	1,785.08
		Publicity	110.51
		Religious Supplies	100.36
		Office Supplies	421.81
		Copying	702.26
		Telephone	330.80
		Postage-General	700.06
		Pres./V.P. Expenses	50.00
		Bank Charges	87.94
		<b>Personnel</b>	
		Rabbi—Wages, Benefits	
		Expenses	8,697.71
		Secretary	2,920.00
<b>Revenue:</b>	<b>\$33,281.39</b>	<b>Fund Payments</b>	<b>2,061.92</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	<b>29,361.86</b>		
<b>Excess:</b>	<b>3,919.53</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$29,361.86</b>
<b>Assets 7/1/82:</b>	<b>9,602.58</b>		
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$13,522.11</b>		

### BALANCE SHEET: December 31, 1982

#### ASSETS

Congregational Discretionary Fund	\$ 330.26
Prayerbook Fund	(1,082.85)
Educational Program Fund	2,275.00
Harvey Milk	314.92
AIDS Fund	2,050.00
Unrestricted	9,634.78
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,522.11</b>

#### LIABILITIES

Federal Income Tax Withholding (Rabbi)	\$ 600.00
UAHC Membership Dues	800.00 to 3,400.00*
Rabbi Salary and Benefits	9,992.34
Rent	1,750.00

\*UAHC dues have not been firmly determined as yet.



group. The first meeting on February 7 will develop the logistics of meeting location and frequency, representation, and the designation of a formal committee name.

"The creation of this group is not simply a statement that gay and lesbian Jews deserve to have a place in the so-called 'mainstream,'" observed Aaron Cooper, "but that we are seen as having something valuable to offer, which major organizations want to share and be a part of. This follows a process which has been evolving since the formation of Sha'ar Zahav almost six years ago."

## DO . . . RE . . . MI

The Havurah Chorus invites all interested choristers to audition! We are happy to consider any women and men who can carry a tune and follow the able instructions of our director, Talia. Please call the synagogue office, 921-7612.

## A Going Up

For some few of those who saw me as such a man,  
such a prize, such a catch,  
My coming out may have been a falling down,  
a missed chance, a cause for kaddish.  
But for me and mine, it has been rather an aliyah,  
a going up.  
A reaching out to clutch my new found freedom.  
How strange and delightful a surprise, being less  
their manly man,  
I am now much more the man.  
Muscled body and soul carry me tall into life's arena  
To stand up to those who would challenge me,  
To give joy to those who'd dance with me,  
As we all struggle to learn life's intricate dance.  
And so, in my coming out and my going up,  
I slowly ascend the steps to Almighty's altar,  
Proud, humble, heart filled with tearful joy,  
I say a shehechianu,  
And from my mouth to God's ears,  
I whisper a sweet "Thank You" kiss.

—Steve Elman

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Articles must be typed, double-spaced, and submitted by the 10th of the previous month. Submission of a manuscript does not ensure publication. No payment is made. The *Forward* reserves the right to edit all material for reasons of space.

## What's Next for Israel?

It's been said that there is a siege mentality in Israel, that Israelis feel friendless and isolated. It's easy to understand why—read *Figaro*, the *Washington Post*, and the proceedings of the United Nations.

Since June the focus has been on Lebanon, but the real problem is still the West Bank and Gaza. There are three main opinions about the danger to Israel's security in those areas, and the best way to maintain that security.

The first is the Gush Emunim perspective, which Prime Minister Begin and most of his cabinet support, which is that the more settlements established in Judea and Samaria and Gaza, the better. These areas, they claim, have always been Jewish, and always should be. There is no reason to avoid placing the settlements near Arab towns and villages. Doing so will make the area safer, no matter how much it infuriates the Arabs.

The second position is the so-called Allon plan, which is to build settlements and fortified areas in the West Bank, but in isolated, uninhabited areas.

The third is promoted by some in the Labor Party and others. There would be a gradual disengagement by the Israelis from the West Bank, with the formation of a demilitarized Palestinian entity in the federation with Jordan.

The Likud seems firmly committed to the first option. My guess is that in the near future, the PLO is going to come up with an offer to recognize Israel if Israel will agree to the formation of a Palestinian state. And Israel may again be on the defensive and appear to be intransigent.

The next few years are going to be tough ones for Israel whichever party is in power or option is chosen. Very few Israelis I spoke with believed the status quo could be maintained much longer.

Even though many of us have strong disagreements with current Israeli policy, we are all one family—Diaspora and Israeli alike. Here in America we have to stand up for Israel everywhere. We must confront the charges made against us by those who found little to criticize in Idi Amin, President Kamal or Pol Pot.

And we have to provide all the financial support we can, not to a particular Israeli government, but to the people of Israel so that the Zionist dream can come to fruition for all her citizens. That dream is not yet a reality. But it is well begun.

—Mike Rankin



## February Yahrzeits

- 1 (18 Shevat) Shlomo Ben Haim Bercu, father of Dubi Barcan
- 5 (22 Shevat) Minnie Wiseman, grandmother of Jonathan Funk
- 6 David Greenstein, brother-in-law of Louis Bornstein, uncle of Richard Bornstein
- 10 Hyman Dolinsky, grandfather of Naomi Baran
- 13 Anna Pearl Gilkey, friend of Janice Macomber
- 15 Yetta Shuchat, grandmother of David Stein
- 15 Ben Shuchat, grandfather of David Stein
- 17 Abraham Spiro, grandfather of Shelley Spiro
- 18 Dora Esther Rifkin, mother of Hy Rifkin
- 19 (3 Adar) Max Raim, father of Leila Raim
- 20 Joseph Freedman, father of Minette Miller
- 21 Evelyn Klein, mother of Elliott Klein
- 21 Asher Liberman, father of Shirley Liberman
- 24 Ann Miller, aunt of Minette Miller
- 25 Philip Louis Kirsch, father of Melvyn Kirsch

## February Happy Birthdays!

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| 3 David Gass      | 23 Hal Heller     |
| 4 Denise Gordon   | 25 Earl Diskin    |
| 7 Ida K.          | 25 Alex Ingersoll |
| 7 Mark Mendelow   | 26 Ben Marcus     |
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| 17 Heather Taplin |                   |

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*Dear Sha'ar Zahav family,*

Thanks for the kind words, cards, homemade chicken soup and donations that have been contributed to me. During my bout with AIDS, Kaposi's Sarcoma and Pneumocystis Pneumonia, they have helped more than anyone can understand.

I found myself in the unusual position of needing two pints of blood, and again Sha'ar Zahav came through for me: the credits were there thanks to the donations of blood that you read about in the *Forward*. Now you really are family—blood family!

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—Mark Feldman



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